

MINUTES
STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY AND JUNIOR COLLEGES
Committee of the Whole Meeting
Thursday, October 14, 2010

The committee of the whole of the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges (SBCJC) met at 6:00 p.m. at Huntington's Grill in Jackson and then reconvened at 7:00 p.m. in the Hattiesburg Room of the Hilton Hotel in Jackson, on October 14, 2010.

Members present: Mr. Bubba Hudspeth, Chair; Mrs. Patricia Dickens, Vice Chair; Mr. Max Huey; Mr. Duncan McKenzie and Mr. Bobby Steinriede.

SBCJC Staff in attendance: Dr. Eric Clark, Mrs. Deborah Gilbert, Dr. Debra West, Dr. Shawn Mackey, Dr. Fiona Qualls, and Mr. Kell Smith.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Bubba Hudspeth called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. He welcomed all board members and asked Dr. Clark to provide his report.

Dr. Clark reported the Joint Legislative Budget hearing was on September 22, 2010. Dr. Clark, Dr. Muse, Dr. Elliott, Dr. Boyce, and Mr. Hudspeth spoke and delivered the message that while budgets are tight, history shows that community colleges have been under-funded compared to IHL and MDE. They asked committee members to consider the fact that enrollment is booming and please be fair with the funds they distribute.

Dr. Clark stated that the SBCJC staff has been working with The Rhoads Group, to assist the SBCJC with a plan for community colleges to do job training to help workers displaced by the BP oil spill. The Rhoads Group proposed a contract extension of \$7,500 a month. Dr. Clark has the authority to approve that amount up to \$25,000. The Rhoads Group will make a presentation on Friday to the board members and Dr. Clark will ask members to extend the contract for November and December.

Dr. Clark reported a few results regarding the BP oil spill. The executive director of the MS Commission on Volunteer Service (MCVS), Mr. David Mallory, expressed interest in the BP project. Dr. Clark met with Mr. Mallory who said he thought he could combine volunteer service federal funding to set up training at community colleges for volunteer workers. SBCJC staff put a proposal together and sent it out to the 15 colleges and Dr. Clark specifically talked to the presidents at MGCCC, PRCC, SWCC and JCJC. PRCC participated and is getting federal funds to do job training related to the BP oil spill. These are the first signs of tangible results. Dr. Clark hopes to develop a relationship with MCVS which will allow other colleges to do the same and hopefully build on that in the future.

Also regarding the BP oil spill, Dr. Clark spoke with Mr. Tom Oppel, assistant to Secretary of the Navy, Ray Mabus. Mr. Oppel mentioned that Secretary Mabus' report on the oil spill did discuss at length workforce training as well as mentioning community colleges. Dr. Clark concluded his report.

Dr. Shawn Mackey, Associate Executive Director of Workforce Training and Career and Technical Education, reported that he has just concluded a practical nursing review. Copiah-Lincoln CC and Coahoma CC were previously recommended for provisional accreditation and have now been fully accredited. Itawamba CC is fully accredited. Southwest CC and East Central CC were on probationary status but they are now fully accredited.

Dr. Mackey will be requesting approval of the Qualifications Manual for Postsecondary Career and Technical Personnel at the Friday meeting. He will highlight some of the changes and request that the manual be submitted for APA review through the Secretary of State's office. The manual will be providing more CIP table deletions and will provide an overall update on CTE programs. There will be three new program requests: one from Copiah-Lincoln CC and two from Southwest CC. Dr. Mackey will also provide the WET Fund report, the CRC report, and grants report. He concluded his report.

Dr. Fiona Qualls, Associate Executive Director for Academic Affairs, said she would give her report at the Friday morning meeting.

Dr. Debra West, Deputy Executive Director for Programs and Accountability, said she would provide her report at the Friday morning meeting.

Mrs. Deborah Gilbert, Deputy Executive Director for Finance and Administration, said she would present the Finance agenda at the Friday meeting to include a request to approve General Fund disbursements for November and December as well as Education Enhancement Fund Disbursements for October. Mrs. Gilbert reported that in FY 2011, (July, August, and September), Educational Enhancement deposits have been exactly equal to the 1/12th allotment. The financial statement will be provided to board members for the General Fund and Special Funds as of September 30, 2010.

Mrs. Gilbert said she would request two purchasing approvals. The first is Worldwide Interactive Network. This is Career Readiness Certificate software related to promoting workplace readiness. She will request the board to approve four years at \$34,500 each year. The second request is The Rhodes Group contract and it will be presented for modification of the original contract to extend the term of the agreement to December 31, 2010 and to increase the total contract amount by \$7,500 for each additional month.

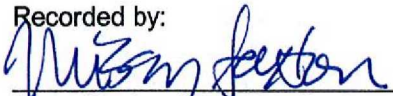
An update will be provided on the Stimulus and ARRA Funds. This report shows how all the colleges plan on spending the funds. Most colleges report the funds will be spent on utilities.

Also provided in the Finance Agenda is the Athletic Expenditure Report by PEER. The report contains one page per college and how they expended funds for FY 2008, 2009, and 2010.

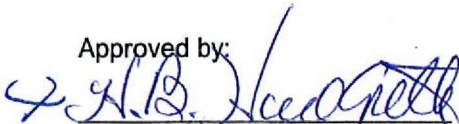
Mrs. Gilbert concluded her report.

There being no other business, Chairman Hudspeth adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

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Mr. Bubba Hudspeth, Chairman


Dr. Eric Clark, Executive Director